

CARAGABAL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Term 1 Week 9

FROM MR JONES

To celebrate a great start to the year, on the last day of term we will be holding a well being morning at the Caragabal Country Club. We will have a morning of lawn bowls followed by a BBQ lunch before returning to school. A permission note will come home with the students.

In term 2, the 3-6 students will be going to the Weddin Mountains for an overnight excursion to Ben Halls Cave campground. This connects to the units we are currently studying in history and science. We will be joined by Weddin Landcare representative Melanie Cooper and our friends from Quandialla Public School.

The K-2 students will join us on a day trip and a walk around Seaton's farm. A permission note with more information will come home with the students. Could you please return the note to school at your earliest convenience.

The Premiers Reading Challenge information packs were sent home with the students during the week. These packs include student log in details, the rules of the challenge and tips for parents. An email with links to the pack contents was also sent to parents.

Miss Sandy will be assisting in coordinating the challenge. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy at the school.

Thank you to Quandialla Public School for hosting the Taronga Zoomobile on Friday. A full report will be in next week's newsletter.

Around the Grounds



Brace Relay Winners

A huge congratulations to Olivia Cooper and Matilda Cooper who were the winners of the Quandialla Swimming Club Brace Relay.

Well Done!!



Important Dates

April 2023

- 4th | Weddin Landcare Microbat presentation
- 6th | Last day of Term - Lawn Bowls morning
- 8th | Good Friday - Public Holiday

Opportunity class (OC) applications opening!

OC Year 5 entry in 2024—applications open 30 March–15 May 2023

Applications for entry into Year 5 opportunity classes in 2024 open on Thursday 30 March and close Monday 15 May, 2023.

What are opportunity classes?

[Opportunity classes](#) cater for high potential and intellectually gifted students.

They help students learn by:

- grouping them with other gifted students
- using specialised teaching methods so students can learn concepts in more detail and more quickly
- supporting their wellbeing needs.

Most students in opportunity classes enjoy learning more when their classmates have similar abilities and interests.

Note: Opportunity classes are unzoned so you can apply no matter where you live.

Where are they located?

There are 76 primary schools with opportunity classes in NSW each year.

- 45 schools are located in metropolitan Sydney
- 30 schools are located in rural or regional centres
- a virtual class, Aurora College, for rural and remote students is available in 618 [authorised host schools](#)

Students successfully placed attend the opportunity class full time in Years 5 and 6 at the relevant public school.

In the majority of cases, students who have accepted a place in an opportunity class will leave their current school to attend the school with the opportunity class.

Should you apply?

If your child learns with greater ease and speed than their classmates, they may benefit from placement in an opportunity class.

High potential and gifted children need to be challenged so they remain engaged with their education.

Discuss the opportunity with your child and look through the information together on [Opportunity classes – Year 5](#)

If you would like to discuss whether you think you should apply, please contact your child's teacher.

Equity provisions

The Equity Placement Model helps to make access to opportunity classes fairer for the following under-represented groups:

- Students from low socio-educational advantage backgrounds
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students
- Students from rural and remote locations
- Students with disability

The Equity Placement Model holds up to 20% of places at each school for students from these groups to help increase their participation.

These students may be considered for equity placement if their test performance is within 10% of general applicants for each school.

Learn more at [Equity Placement Model](#).

Learn more about the placement process and the placement test at [Opportunity classes – Year 5](#).

Ready to apply?

Apply online at education.nsw.gov.au/oc

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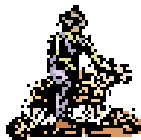
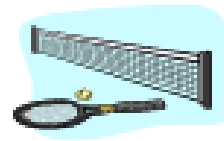
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